

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure currently of record with the attached new Abstract of the Disclosure. Changes made to the Abstract are shown below:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~There is provided a~~ A method of preparing an oil sample for X-ray fluorescence analysis of the concentration of sulfur in the oil sample at a minimum limit of determination of about 10 to 30 ppb by concentrating sulfur through sedimentation or filtration. ~~A liquid catalyst 15~~ sulfur-capturing liquid from which S ~~was~~ is substantially removed ~~almost completely~~ is used, whereby S contained in an oil sample 16 is extracted, sedimented and concentrated as a silver sulfide-containing sulfur compound 18.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification. A marked-up copy of the original specification is also enclosed.